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SUMMARY: AS ANTICIPATED, THE GOP ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 22  
ITS END-OF-YEAR CABINET CHANGES AS WELL AS SEVERAL  
CHANGES IN OTHER CABINET-LEVEL POSITIONS. ALL THE  
NEW MINISTERS ARE MILITARY MEN, LEAVING UNFULFILLED,  
FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST, THE HOPES OF SOME CIVILIAN GROUPS  
FOR MORE CIVILIAN CABINET MEMBERS. APPOINTMENTS TAKE EFFECT  
JANUARY 2, 1977. END SUMMARY.

1. ARMY BRIGADIER GENERAL OTTO ELESURU REVOREDO REPLACES  
GENERAL MIRANDA AS MINISTER OF EDUCATION. ELESURU HAS  
MOST RECENTLY SERVED AS CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF FOR  
THE ARMY'S ACADEMIC SCHOOLS. AIR FORCE LT. GENERAL  
HUMBERTO CAMPODONICO HOYOS REPLACES LT. GENERAL  
TAMAYO DE LA FLOR AS MINISTER OF HEALTH. CAMPODONICO  
HAS BEEN INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE, PRESIDENT  
OF THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND HEAD OF THE AEROPERU  
REORGANIZING COMMISSION. VICE ADMIRAL RAFAEL DURAND  
REY REPLACES VICE ADMIRAL DUBOIS AS MINISTER OF  
(REGIONAL) INTEGRATION. DURAND IS PRESENTLY NAVAL  
ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON.

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2. OTHER CHANGES ARE THE DESIGNATION OF GENERAL JORGE  
CHAVEZ QUELOPANA AS CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL PLANNING  
INSTITUTE (INP). GENERAL CHAVEZ IS THE LONG-TERM  
DIRECTOR OF THE WAR COLLEGE (CAEM). HE RETIRES FROM  
THE ARMY IN JANUARY. GENERAL LUIS MONTOYA MONTOYA,  
CURRENTLY INP CHIEF, REPLACES RETIRED GENERAL VARGAS

PRIETO, WHO RECENTLY RESIGNED, AS COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC. FINALLY GENERAL ENRIQUE FALCONI MEJIA, CHIEF OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MILITARY HOUSEHOLD, HAS BEEN ELEVATED TO CABINET RANK.

3. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE COMPLETE BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON THE NEW MINISTERS AND CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIALS VIA AIRGRAM.

4. COMMENT: THE CABINET CHANGES HAVE BEEN RUMORED FOR SOME TIME. WHILE CIVILIAN NAMES HAD CROPPED UP IN EARLY SPECULATION, MORE RECENTLY THE NAMES OF THOSE DESIGNATED GENERALLY HEADED LISTS OF POSSIBLE APPOINTEES. IF THIS COMPLETES END-OF-YEAR CABINET CHANGES, IT INDICATES CURRENT MILGOV INABILITY TO OPEN FURTHER TOWARD CIVILIANS EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF INCLUDING "TECHNOCRATS" IN THE CABINET. THE EMBASSY HAS HEARD THAT SOME OTHER RUMORED CABINET CHANGES, FOR EXAMPLE IN THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, ARE NOT LIKELY NOW. THE FUTURE POSITIONS OF GENERALS TAMAYO AND MIRANDA AND ADMIRAL DUBOIS HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED. TAMAYO IS EXPECTED TO BECOME AIR FORCE INSPECTOR GENERAL, WHILE MIRANDA, ONE OF THE LAST "VELASQUISTAS" IN THE CABINET, WILL PROBABLY NOT BE GIVEN AN INFLUENTIAL POST. IT IS RUMORED THAT HE WILL BECOME CHIEF OF ONE OF THE ARMY'S ACADEMIC CENTERS. AN APRA SOURCE CLOSE TO PRIME MINISTER ARBULU'S BROTHER (A HIGH LEVEL APRISTA) TOLD EMBOFF THAT ARBULU FORCED VARGAS PRIETO'S RESIGNATION FOLLOWING VARGAS PRIETO'S UNSUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN TO PIN CORRUPTION CHARGES ON ARBULU'S BROTHER-IN-CONFIDENTIAL

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LAW, FORMER FISHERIES MINISTER TANTALEAN. MORALES BERMUDEZ IS SAID TO HAVE OPPOSED DUMPING VARGAS PRIETO BUT LOS BECAUSE ARBULU HAD THE BACKING OF KEY ARMY OFFICERS. THE ELEVATION OF THE CHIEF OF THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSEHOLD TO CABINET RANK IS CURIOUS IN VIEW OF MORALES BERMUDEZ' EARLIER EFFORTS TO DEEMPHASIZE "PERSONALIST" ASPECTS OF THE PRESIDENCY.  
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